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###UPDATE###

CALTRANS/UC DAVIS TEST ROLLING OF HIGHWAY 1 SHOULDER BEGINS NEXT WEEK

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – Caltrans and UC Davis pavement researchers are continuing work to find an effective and affordable way to make cycling a smoother experience along a recently paved section of Highway 1 in northern San Luis Obispo County.

The Caltrans Division of Research and Innovation in cooperation with the University of California, Davis Pavement Research Center will perform a test rolling on the shoulder of a 1000 foot section of Hwy. 1 in the Cambria/San Simeon area for the next 4-5 weeks beginning Monday, March 18. The surface of the shoulder will be measured before and after this test rolling to determine its effectiveness.

Motorists will encounter one-way reversing traffic control during the daytime hours with delays not to exceed ten minutes.

This effort is in response to local bicycle enthusiasts who say a recently completed 20-mile long chip seal project along Highway 1 from Cambria to the Monterey County line resulted in a rougher-than-usual ride in sections along this scenic route.

"I am pleased this research effort is taking place on location so that we can find some short and long-term solutions which will benefit motorists and the cycling community," said Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins.

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This investigation will also include any potential long-term improvements to Caltrans chip seal program statewide.

Caltrans will continue to inform the public, elected officials and the bicycle community regarding this research effort. Caltrans will share plans for a short and long-term strategy for Hwy.1 when this research and on-site testing has been completed.

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